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# Office Action Summary

## Application No.

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## Art Unit

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-23, 26-44, 46, 47, 49-57, 59-78, 80, 81, 83-90, 93-112, 114-125 and 127-140 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 1-11,13-23,26-44,46,47,49-57,59-78,80,81,83-90,93-112,114-125 and 127-140.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments, see pp. 2-5, filed 10/26/2009, with respect to all pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Accordingly, those rejections have been withdrawn.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-11,13-23,26-44,46,47,49-57,59-78,80,81,83-90,93-112,114-125 and 127-140 (all pending claims) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. Applicant's amendments have left numerous limitations in various claims lacking antecedent basis. It appears that Applicant may have intended for many of the dependent claims to depend from previously added claims 137-140. However, Applicant has failed to amend these claims, despite receiving notice of these deficiencies in the Office action of 6/24/2009 (§3-5).

The following is an **incomplete** listing of several exemplary claims which have claim terms lacking antecedent basis:

- a. Claim 1: "said displaying in response to said first instruction" in line 18.
- b. Claim 1: "said viewing screen" in line 19.
- c. Claim 9: "said displaying in response to said second instruction" in line 3.
- d. Claim 13: "said displaying said status indicator" in lines 1-2.
- e. Claim 14: "said displaying said status indicator" in lines 1-2.
- f. Claim 15: "said displaying in response to said second instruction" in line 3.
- g. Claim 18: "said displaying in response to said second instruction" in line 3.
- h. Claim 21: "said displaying in response to said second instruction" in line 3.
- i. Claim 22: "said displaying said status indicator" in lines 1-2.
- j. Claim 23: "said displaying said status indicator" in lines 1-2.
- k. Claim 27: "said displaying in response to said second instruction" in line 3.
- l. Claim 27: "said displaying in response to said third instruction" in lines 2-3.

Applicant should thoroughly review **ALL CLAIMS** to ensure that the dependency is correct and that all claim terms have proper antecedent basis.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-11,13-23,26-44,46,47,49-57,59-78,80,81,83-90,93-112,114-125 and 127-140 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON STRANGE whose telephone number is (571)272-3959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Firmin Backer can be reached on 571-272-6703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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